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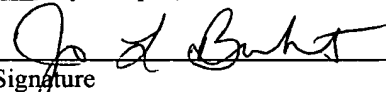
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment

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This Response to Election of Species Requirement and Preliminary Amendment is submitted in response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed March 6, 2006. This Response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension for the period for responding to the Election of Species Requirement, thereby moving the deadline for response from April 6, 2006 to May 8, 2006 (Monday, May 8, 2006 is the first business day succeeding Saturday, May 6, 2006).

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks, including arguments, begin on page 10 of this paper.